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U.S. Government Unveils New Design for the \$100 Note for 2011

Officials from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the United States Secret Service today unveiled the new design for the \$100 note. Complete with advanced technology to combat counterfeiting, the new design for the \$100 note retains the traditional look of U.S. currency.

As with previous U.S. currency redesigns, this note incorporates the best technology available to ensure the government stays ahead of counterfeiters.

When the new design \$100 note is issued on February 10, 2011, the approximately 6.5 billion older design \$100s already in circulation will remain legal tender.

There are a number of security features in the redesigned \$100 note which are easy for consumers and merchants to use to authenticate their currency.

The blue 3-D Security Ribbon on the front of the new \$100 note contains images of bells and 100s that move and change from one to the other as you tilt the note. The Bell in the Inkwell on the front of the note is another new security feature. The bell changes color from copper to green when the note is tilted, an effect that makes it seem to appear and disappear within the copper inkwell. The new design for the \$100 note retains three effective security features from the previous design: the portrait watermark of Benjamin Franklin, the security thread, and the color-shifting numeral 100.

The new \$100 note also displays American symbols of freedom, including phrases from the Declaration of Independence and the quill the Founding Fathers used to sign this historic document. Both are located to the right of the portrait on the front of the note.

The back of the note has a new vignette of Independence Hall featuring the rear, rather than the front, of the building. Both the vignette on the back of the note and the portrait on the front have been enlarged, and the oval that previously appeared around both images has been removed.

For a more detailed description of the redesigned \$100 note and its features, visit www.newmoney.gov where you can watch an animated video, click through an interactive note or browse through the multimedia resources for images and B-roll.

Also, visit www.newmoney.gov for information on how to order free training materials for cash handlers, or you may download the materials directly from the Web site. The training materials for the \$100 note are available in 25 languages.

Although less than 1/100th of one percent of the value of all U.S. currency in circulation is reported counterfeit, the \$100 note is the most widely circulated and most often counterfeited denomination outside the U.S.

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